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## LIGHTNING FLASH DESTROYS FACTORY

Eureka Furniture Company's Factory in Ruins.

## NIGHT WATCHMAN IS BADLY BURNED

Loss Estimated at Between \$23,000 and \$25,000—Insurance Covers Only About \$12,000. Was Enterprising—Had Prepared to Put in New Machinery.

A fire, involving the loss of thousands of dollars, occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday evening, when the Eureka Furniture Company's factory, near Manchester, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. In addition to the heavy loss, the night watchman, Mr. John Anderson, of 1006 Everett Street, Manchester, was seriously burned, barely escaping with his life. He now lies in his home under the treatment of Dr. Lawrence Ingram.

The main building, which was three stories high, the boiler house, the engine room, lumber shed and drying kiln were all destroyed. So quick was the fire, spread that it was impossible to save anything, in spite of the heroic efforts of the Manchester Fire Department.

The loss is estimated at between \$23,000 and \$25,000, and the insurance is placed at about \$12,000.

How Building Was Ignited.

As told by Mr. Anderson, the night watchman, he was closing a window in the northwest corner of the second story of the main building to prevent possible damage by the storm then coming up, when suddenly there was a blinding flash, presumably a stroke of lightning, and in a moment the whole room was in a terrific blaze. Ten minutes after the entire building was afire, beyond all possibility of being saved. Mr. Anderson was momentarily stunned by the shock. Turning to get away as soon as possible, he found all means of escape cut off by the flames. He was badly burned off his hands and arms badly burned off his face, and he may have been hurt in the long fall.

Some passerby seeing the fire ran to the factory, pulled the whistle cord and in a few minutes the whole neighborhood was aroused. Policemen P. T. Watts, who was near the scene, telephoned a call to the fire department. By the time they arrived the fire was so intense that the hope of saving the buildings had gone. They were also hampered by the light water pressure, and all they could do was to prevent the fire from spreading to the Richmond Woodworking Company's factory, which is just opposite the company's site, and it is hoped that all the books, papers and records of the company may be still intact.

The fire began in the finishing room in the second story, and in a hardly appreciable length of time made its way to the rear. From there it spread to the outbuildings, and so on, and in a few minutes it had reached the main building. The fire was so intense that it was impossible to get near the buildings. The factory was filled with furniture and manufacturing material, none of which was saved.

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The Ownership of Plant.

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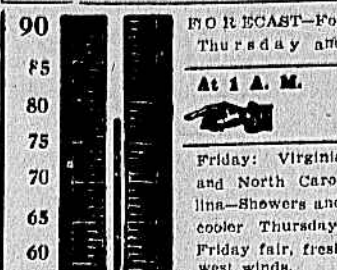
The company, as it stands now, had been out recently, and it is a fact that peculiarly emphasizes the loss is that Mr. Gratznowsky and Mr. Stoltz were going to Baltimore to-day to bring new machinery with which to further equip the factory.

The company had fairly started under way and were beginning to realize in some profits from the business. The factory was established upon a paying basis, and it had been hoped that this year would have been a successful one. Now, however, all plans for the further improvement and more extensive advertising of the business are blocked for the time being, and the factory lies in utter ruin.

But it is not the expectation of the company to dissolve and retire from the business, for a prominent stockholder said last night that as soon as the insurance had been received, the factory could be put in shape, the factory would be rebuilt, perhaps in a safer and more desirable location.

It is said that one of the company had put in it every cent he owned, and that the fire to him represented a total loss.

## POINTER ON THE WEATHER



CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.  
The weather in Richmond was fair and warm yesterday with heavy rainfall, wind and lightning in the early evening. Range of the thermometer.  
9 A. M. .... 83 6 P. M. .... 82  
12 M. .... 82 9 P. M. .... 80  
3 P. M. .... 86 12 M. .... 76  
Average .... 81.6

Highest temperature yesterday ..... 85  
Lowest temperature yesterday ..... 74  
Mean temperature yesterday ..... 81.4  
Normal temperature for July ..... 79  
Departure from normal temperature ..... 2.5

MINIATURE ALMANAC.  
Sun rises ..... 5:05 July 20, 1905.  
Sun sets ..... 7:27  
Moon rises ..... 9:00  
Moon sets ..... 7:13

## TO EXPOSE TOWN TOPICS METHODS

Assistant District Attorney Says Nobody Will Be Spared in Investigation.

## SEEKING MRS. HUNTINGTON

Said That She Was Forced to Pay \$10,000 for Copy of Book.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—The books of the Town Topics Company, in so far as they deal with the book on American society, entitled "Fads and Fancies," which was sold by subscription, and on which the publishers realized approximately \$500,000, will be examined by representatives of the district attorney's office, no matter what opposition is made to such a step.

This announcement was made to-day by Assistant District Attorney Gans, after he had a conference with Assistant District Attorney Krotel, who is in charge of the investigation being made by the district attorney's office.

"It is absolutely necessary for the ends of justice that we make a full examination of the books in connection with 'Fads and Fancies,'" said Mr. Gans, "and we will do so, no matter how much we are opposed. This matter is going to be probed thoroughly, no matter who is hit or how exalted is his social or other standing."

When Mr. Krotel examined the books of the Town Topics Company, permission was refused to him to inspect some of the entries having to do with the book "Fads and Fancies." He learned, however, that while the regular subscription price for the book was \$1,000, several persons paid larger sums. Among those was Mrs. M. C. Collis P. Huntington, widow of the multi-millionaire railroad promoter, who was credited with paying \$10,000 for her subscription copy of the book. Mr. Krotel said to-day that if it is possible to reach Mrs. Huntington she will be asked to testify as to the conditions under which she paid so much more than the regular subscription price.

That the district attorney is determined to question other prominent persons in addition to Mrs. Huntington, with regard to the subscription for "Fads and Fancies," was shown to-day, when subpoenas were issued for former Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the Executive Committee of the United States Steel Corporation, and Giovanni Morosini, a wealthy banker. Neither subpoena had been served to-day.

Announcement was made to-night that among the subscriptions to "Fads and Fancies" were those of John Jacob Astor, Clarence H. Mackay and Senator Chauncey M. Depew, for \$2,500 each, and Perry Belmont for \$1,500.

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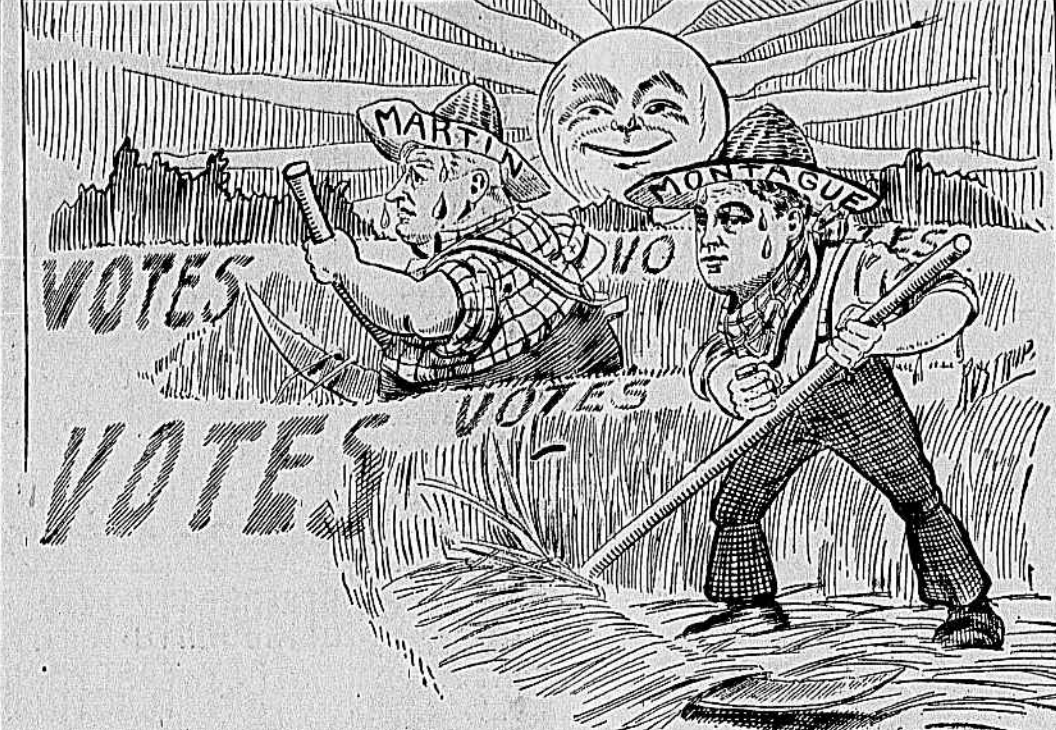
## MRS. INGRAHAM CHARGES HUSBAND WITH FRAUD

Man Declares She Proposed to Him and He Refused Her at First.

(By Associated Press.)

EDINBURGH, July 19.—Singular documents were submitted to-day in the suit of Nathaniel Gibbs Ingraham, formerly of New York, against his wife, formerly Mrs. William Ward, now pending before the Court of Session here. Mr. Ingraham asks that his wife be ordered to carry out their ante-nuptial settlement under which he claims he is entitled to \$15,000 a year. He also claims \$4,000 per year by virtue of a bond granted in his favor. The wife contends that the contract was induced by fraud, and she alleges that after separation from her first husband, Reginald H. Ward, the plaintiff induced her by various insidious devices like fortune telling to institute divorce proceedings against Ward, and also induced her husband to consent to the proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were divorced in 1903, and Mrs. Ward then married Ingraham. Before the marriage Mrs. Ward was Miss Edith Newcombe, of Kentucky, daughter of H. Victor Newcomb, an important factor in the cotton trade. Mr. Ingraham is a grandson of Justice Ingraham, of the Supreme Court of New York.

THE FORMAL ceremony of taking the oath of installation occurred in the throne room in the presence of representatives of Emperor William, King Edward and other rulers, the cabinet ministers and a brilliant assemblage of officials and deputations from various parts of the duchy.



MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES.

## LIGHTNING SET DYNAMITE AFIRE

Five Miners Literally Blown to Pieces in Terrific Explosion.

## MEN WERE SINKING SHAFT

Not a Piece of Wood Larger Than a Foot Remains of Building.

(By Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, IOWA, July 19.—Five miners were literally blown to pieces by the explosion of twenty-five pounds of dynamite in a storage powder house at the West Riverside Coal Mine, two miles west of the city, at 6 o'clock this morning. The dead are: CHARLES BROWN, LUKE MILLER, HARRY BELTKNAP, DELL VANCE, GEORGE ARROWOOD.

Heads, arms and legs were scattered around for a distance of 500 feet.

Lightning Struck Dynamite.

No one knew of the explosion until the day shift came to work. The men killed were engaged in sinking a new shaft, and during the early morning hour a severe rain storm came up, which compelled them to stop work. They sought shelter from the storm in the powder house. While they were in the house lightning struck a tree near the building and glanced to the house itself, igniting the dynamite, as well as two kegs of powder. Not a piece of wood larger than a foot long remains of the building.

## SQUADRON HAS SAILED FOR HAMPTON ROADS

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT, R. I., July 19.—The first and second divisions of the North Atlantic squadron sailed to-day for Hampton Roads. Later the fleet will unite with Admiral Sigsbee's squadron to escort the body of Admiral John Paul Jones to Annapolis.

## SENTENCED TO HANG, HE HANGED HIMSELF

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 19.—Edward Gottschalk, under sentence to be hanged August 8th, committed suicide to-day by hanging from his bed, wound it tightly around his neck, fastened it to a hook in the wall of the cell, raised himself from the floor, and strangled to death.

One day in February last, Christian Schindeldecker, a butcher, was murdered in his shop on a prominent business street. The body was literally hacked to pieces with a cleaver. Suspicion fell upon Gottschalk and a young fellow named Joseph Hartmann. Gottschalk was arrested but strenuously maintained his innocence, declaring that he would be able to prove it if Hartmann were found. On the day on which Gottschalk was sent to the grand jury the body of Hartmann, heavily weighted with iron, was found in the Mississippi River. Hartmann's skull had been crushed. Gottschalk was placed on trial on a charge of murdering Hartmann and when the case came up in court, changed his plea of not guilty, and confessed to the murder of Hartmann.

## Passenger Agent Killed.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, GA., July 18.—George Wright, city and passenger agent here for the Southern Railway, was shot and killed to-day by a desperado. Sanford refused to talk, and the cause of the tragedy is not known.

## MISS RICHESON WEDDED BY FORCE

Declares She Never Loved Chappelle, Her Husband.

## THE WHOLE MATTER IN DOUBT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., July 19.—The friends of Mr. E. L. Chappelle were quite indignant to see in a special dispatch to The Times-Dispatch to-day from Lynchburg that it was probable that he would lose his mind, an idea that it would be necessary to send him to an asylum on account of his wife of but a week having left him last Sunday night. Your correspondent was unable to see Mr. E. L. Chappelle, father of Mrs. Chappelle, or Mrs. Chappelle herself, who is now staying with her father, this afternoon, as Mr. Chappelle lives some miles from town. Mr. Chappelle's friends, however, say that he is sustaining the shock with fortitude, and has to-day resumed his work. Sunday, July 18th, E. L. Chappelle and Mary Florence Richeson drove thirty miles through the country from the home of Mr. E. L. Richeson, father of the bride, and took the Southern train that night at Arlington, in Nelson county, for Washington, where they were married Monday, returning to Amherst that day.

Mr. Chappelle says that their married life was happy, and to the friends of the young couple it seemed so. Rumors, however, were afloat that he had been forced by Chappelle to marry him against her wishes. It is also said that the bride's mother called on her daughter and urged her to come back home. To these entreaties she turned a deaf ear until Sunday night, when she suddenly resolved that she would go home. She did not hire a carriage to go home in, but was driven home in the buggy which the groom had given her as a bridal present.

Few think that the appearance in the night of a young man, who had formerly paid her attention, had anything to do with her decision. As was stated in the Lynchburg correspondence, the solicitation of her mother, who is generally thought to have been the cause of her repeating in haste.

A number of Chappelle's friends spent the night with him Sunday night after his bride had gone. He refused to go to his home or to retire for a long time in the wall of the cell, raised himself from the floor, and strangled to death.

About 4 o'clock he was persuaded to lie down, and without the use of drugs, as stated in the said letter, he went to sleep. The whole matter is in doubt. Did Chappelle really carry the girl off by force? If not, why has she left him? Those are the questions that one frequently hears on the streets. He says that her parents persuaded her to leave him.

## Illinois Central Dividends.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—The regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent, and an extra dividend of one-half of one per cent, was declared to-day by the directors of the Illinois Central Railroad.

## 17 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

(By Associated Press.)

The 17 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

1 Office, 1 Domestic.  
5 Trades, 7 Miscellaneous,  
3 Salesmen

This not only interest those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## CHARGES PRINCESS WITH DESERTION

(By Associated Press.)

GOTHA, DUCHY OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA, July 19.—Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, in his application for divorce from his wife, the Princess Louise, a daughter of the King of the Belgians, charges her with unfaithfulness and desertion. On the day of the prince's duel with Lieutenant Matiasch-Keglevitch, with whom the princess eloped, she telegraphed to Matiasch-Keglevitch that it was the happiest day of her life. Prince Philip affirms that he gave her a wedding portion of \$50,000 and paid her debts, amounting to \$22,000.

## PROCURATOR IN DANGER OF DEATH

Rumored Attempt To Assassinate Pobiedonostseff At Tsarskoe-Selo.

## POLICE SWOOP DOWN ON ZEMSTOO MEETING

Bouligan Scheme for National Assembly Denounced—Great Ovation Given to Witte.

Japanese Suspicious of Czar's Sincerity—Kotomura Arrives.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—A circumstantial report of an attempt on the life of Constantine Petrovitch Pobiedonostseff, chief procurator of the Holy Synod, is current in St. Petersburg to-night, but the Associated Press is unable to obtain confirmation of it.

The authorities, even the police at the Tsarskoe-Selo railway station here, where the attempt is reported to have been made, disclaim all knowledge of any such happening. According to the report, as M. Pobiedonostseff stepped from one of the coaches on the train from Tsarskoe-Selo, where he is residing during the summer, to the platform, a man about twenty-eight years old rushed up with a revolver in his hand, but he was seized by a quick-witted passenger before he could shoot, and was turned over to the police.

Bomb for Vice-Governor.

(By Associated Press.)

HELSINKI, FINLAND, July 19.—Late this afternoon, two hours after the assassination of Procurator-General Sosolov on February 8th, last, an attempt was made to assassinate Vice-Governor Deutrick as he was leaving the Senate.

The Vice-Governor had walked across the square when suddenly as he neared the police-master's office a man on the curb threw a bomb from a distance of fifty paces. The bomb fell short, but the Vice-Governor was blown off his feet by the terrific force of the explosion, which shattered the windows in the neighborhood for a distance of hundreds of yards. Vice-Governor Deutrick was hastily assisted to the police station. He has the legs and feet profusely, but his legs and feet were declared not to be fatal. The bomb thrower was pursued by naval cadets, but escaped.

## POLICE SWOOP DOWN

Invade Zemstvo Congress and Order That Meeting Come to End.

(By Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, July 19.—The Zemstvo Congress opened at midday to-day in the residence of Prince Dolgoroukoff, M. Golovine, president of the organizing committee, had barely started a statement dealing with the obstacles placed in the way of the congress, announcing that Governor-General Kozlov had promised resigning the chairmanship of the board of directors of the New York Railway Company, and characterized the report as absolutely without foundation.

Off for Europe.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—James Phelps Stokes, the millionaire New York philanthropist, who was wedded yesterday to Rose Harriet Pastor, the East-Side girl whom he met in the course of his work in the testament district, sailed to-day for Europe on the steamship Cedric. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes will remain aboard several months. They will tour in an automobile.

France May Send Squadron.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, July 19.—The foreign ministry is considering the question of dispatching a French squadron to participate in the funeral ceremonies for Admiral John Paul Jones at Annapolis.

## SENATOR W. A. CLARK SUFFERS FROM HEAT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—Senator W. A. Clark, who underwent a surgical operation last week, suffered considerably to-day from the excessive heat. His temperature rose slightly as a result of the hot weather. This is not regarded as a reason for anxiety, however, and conditions otherwise were very favorable to the patient.

## KILLED BOY HE FOUND IN BLACKBERRY PATCH

(By Associated Press.)

WHEELING, W. VA., July 19.—George Brown, a wealthy and well known farmer of Wheeling county living near Martinsburg, shot and killed William Williams, 15 years old to-day, because he found the lad in his blackberry patch. The boy did not vacate the premises as quickly as Brown desired, it is said, and he shot him. The farmer was arrested, and the community is greatly excited, the police fearing an outbreak.

Preparing Bill.

(By Associated Press.)

STOCKHOLM, July 19.—Both houses of the Riksdag have concluded their secret meetings, and a joint committee is preparing a bill embodying the suggestions of the different factions for a settlement of the differences between Sweden and Norway.

## 75 DIE IN AWFUL HEAT; MANY ARE DRIVEN INSANE

Terrifying Conditions in New York At Last Relieved By Storm.

## MOTHER, MADDENED, SLEW INFANT CHILD

People Slept on Fire Escapes and Fell Off During Night.

CITY'S STREETS STREWN WITH BODIES OF ANIMALS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—While the record of deaths and prostrations greatly exceeded that of yesterday, there was a distinct diminution to-day in the temperature prevailing throughout the eastern section of the country. Although the midday heat was everywhere terrific, it was broken, by scattered thunderstorms, many of a very violent character, and towards evening the temperature fell rapidly, until normal summer conditions were reached.

In New York the highest temperature recorded was 95, one degree lower than that of yesterday. The highest record of the season was reached. Philadelphia reported a slightly higher maximum range. In other cities the highest point of yesterday was not touched, while everywhere a sharp fall was noticed beginning in the afternoon.

Deaths and Prostrations.

Following are the maximum temperatures and the deaths and prostrations from the effects of the heat:

Place.	Max. temp.	Deaths.	Prostrations.
New York	95	75	167
Philadelphia	93.8	10	40
Baltimore	92.2	1	14
Washington	92	1	14
Boston	94	1	25
Pittsburg	87	5	6
Buffalo	78	...	...

The cumulative effect of the continued torridity of these days was painfully evident in the enormous increase in the number of deaths in New York. While the death toll of yesterday was only twenty-six, that of to-day reached the appalling total of seventy-five, being nearly half of those prostrated. This was almost entirely due to the collapse of young children and aged persons, whose exhausted vitality was unequal to the strain of further suffering.

Conditions Terrifying.

After a night of sweltering heat, spent by thousands in the streets, in the public parks, on piers along the river front and in every vacant place that promised a breath of air, the conditions that confronted the people of New York this morning were terrifying. The sun rose in a cloudless sky, and hour after hour the heat grew more and more intense. Every ambulance was kept busy, and by noon the hospitals were crowded with sufferers.

At six o'clock in the afternoon came the long-expected relief, when a terrific thunder storm and a deluge of rain burst over Brooklyn and the lower part of Manhattan and sections of New Jersey. In Brooklyn two men were struck by lightning and several others killed. In Jersey City one man was killed. While the storm lasted only a few minutes and left the upper part of the city untouched, the relief was almost instantaneous, and from then on the mercury fell steadily, and a cool breeze springing up after sun-down gave assurance of a comfortable night.

Woman Killed Infant.

Even the swashers resorts in the vicinity of New York did not escape the heat, and many prostrations occurred among the thousands who flooded the Coney Island and the beach on the Long Island shore.

Among the distressing incidents of the day was the killing of her infant in Brooklyn by a young woman, who was suddenly driven insane by the heat. She stabbed the child to death and then made a vain attempt on her own life.

Leonard Sanders, a colored man, from New Haven, went mad in the public park in East Harlem, and leaped into the river from the Harlem bridge. He was rescued by three men, and killed William Williams, 15 years old to-day, because he found the lad in his blackberry patch. Several of the deaths reported were those of persons who had fallen, while asleep, from fire escapes, where they were endeavoring to escape the stifling atmosphere of crowded tenements.

Hundreds of Animals Die.

In order to save all who might fall into the hands of the police after court hours the torment of a night in the station house cells, police magistrates made arrangements to accept bail for prisoners at any hour during the night during the continuance of the heat.

The suffering among animals during the day was intense, hundreds of horses, many of which died, being prostrated.